

## SENATE BILL No. 563

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-20-37.

**Synopsis:** School dropout prevention. Creates the dropout prevention fund, to be administered by the department of education, to: (1) provide money for school corporation programs that identify students who are at risk of dropping out of school; and (2) provide appropriate interventions for those students. Makes a continuous appropriation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-37 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2009]:

4 **Chapter 37. Dropout Prevention**

5 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the dropout  
6 prevention program fund established by section 3 of this chapter.

7 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "program" refers to a dropout  
8 prevention program established by a school corporation.

9 **Sec. 3. (a)** The dropout prevention program fund is established  
10 to provide:

11 (1) money for the department; and

12 (2) grants to school corporations;

13 to establish and operate programs to identify students who are at  
14 risk of dropping out of school and to provide appropriate  
15 interventions for those students.

16 (b) The department shall administer the fund.

17 (c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from



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1 money in the fund.

2 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
3 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
4 manner as other public funds may be invested.

5 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not  
6 revert to the state general fund.

7 Sec. 4. (a) The department may use money from the fund to  
8 provide assistance to school corporations in:

9 (1) identifying students who are at risk of dropping out of  
10 school; and

11 (2) developing strategies and appropriate interventions to  
12 prevent identified students from dropping out of school.

13 (b) There is continuously appropriated to the department from  
14 the fund an amount sufficient to carry out this chapter.

15 Sec. 5. (a) To be eligible for a grant under this chapter, a school  
16 corporation or more than one (1) school corporation under a joint  
17 agreement must timely apply for the grant to the department on  
18 forms provided by the department.

19 (b) The applying school corporation must include at least the  
20 following information in the school corporation's application:

21 (1) A detailed description of the proposed program.

22 (2) The extent to which the applying school corporation  
23 intends to include appropriate community resources not  
24 directly affiliated with the applying school corporation in the  
25 program.

26 (3) The estimated cost of implementing the program.

27 (4) Any other pertinent information required by the  
28 department.

29 Sec. 6. The department shall approve a program based on at  
30 least the following criteria:

31 (1) The relative need for the establishment of a dropout  
32 prevention program as outlined by the applying school  
33 corporation.

34 (2) The overall quality of the applying school corporation's  
35 program proposal, including the extent to which the applying  
36 school corporation demonstrates a willingness to include as a  
37 part of the program appropriate community resources not  
38 directly affiliated with the applying school corporation.

39 (3) The availability of money in the fund.

40 Sec. 7. (a) Not later than June 1 of each school year, each  
41 participating school corporation shall submit to the department a  
42 written report, on forms developed by the department, outlining

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1 the activities undertaken as part of the school corporation's  
2 program.

3 (b) Not later than November 1 of each year, the department  
4 shall submit a comprehensive report to the governor and the  
5 general assembly on dropout prevention programs, including the  
6 department's conclusions on the impact of different types of  
7 programs in increasing the graduation rate in a school corporation.  
8 A report submitted under this subsection to the general assembly  
9 must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

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